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"LITTLE BETHEL" FOR THE SAILORMEN

Branch of Seamen's Friend Society That Cares for Visiting Sailors at This Port—Established in 1902 It Holds Bright Promises for the Future.

By Bonnie Burnham.

Somewhat apart from the noise of the busy streets, and distinctly aside from the work-a-day phase of the thing we call life, stands the Seamen's Bethel of Pensacola, the outward significance of a world of labor well done, by a handful of people who have charge of a vast and almost inconceivable good. Five thousand sailors are taken care of yearly in Pensacola, with regard to their spiritual and physical necessities, and they are not forgotten when their ship sails out across the bar to other lands where influences may not be similar to those of the "Little Bethel" of this city. They are encouraged to communicate with the local office, whether their condition be better or worse, and the Seamen's Friend Society has one of the best records established for keeping track of its sailor boys as they pass from port to port.

Rev. H. C. Cushman, assisted by his wife, is at the head of the local branch, which is an auxiliary to the American Seamen's Friend Society, the headquarters of which are located in New York city. Branches of this society have been established all over the world.

Beginning of the Work.

Although there had already been considerable work done among the sailors who visited the port of Pensacola, the first concerted movement began August 3, 1902, when a few congenial and progressive citizens of Pensacola, realizing the growing importance of the city, as one of the leading Gulf ports, met to discuss the proposition, among those who were present and who were active in the establishment of the society being Mr. S. C. Cobb, since deceased, and Rev. Cushman. This project was quickly placed upon a systematic basis, and the Pensacola Seamen's Friend Society had sprung fresh from the hopes of those who had witnessed the need of such a great and telling benefit. Those who later became identified did so because they had confidence in the movement, and were impressed with the opportunity offered toward the establishment of better law and order and more satisfactory social conditions among the sailors themselves.

The corner-stone had been laid in one of the city's most important factors in the line of general social improvement, a factor which is to be realized more and more with regard to its importance bearing on local affairs as time goes on and as Pensacola continues her onward march toward perfect civic development.

What Is Being Done.

The "Seamen's Bethel," which spreads its protecting wings over 5,000 of its sailor boys annually, no matter in what port they may be, considering the nature of trouble or misfortune in which they may find themselves, has its hands full with the numerous situations with which it is confronted during the course of a twelvemonth.

For instance, if the little mission is only allowed to be the even tenor of its ways, without the possible necessity of straightening out the entanglements of some unfortunate "Jackie," there is plenty of routine work to do, visiting "aboard" to be done, etc.

There is of course the building proposition, which is always in the minds of those identified with the work, which must be considered at every turn, and upon which the very best energy of all concerned must be expended. This plan, which by reason of its magnitude was at first spoken of in whispers, now warrants attention. The site, facing north on Ferdinand Square, has actually been purchased, where, in time, there will be erected a new and up to date mission, where every effort will be made to further the spiritual, physical and social conditions of visiting seamen.

It will be here that Pensacola's future Bethel will be established upon the basis which the great work warrants, and land as well as the sailors of the high seas will always be welcomed. The present Bethel has its Sunday services to look after; it already has a Sunday school with an average membership of 40, which is conducted at 9:30 each Sabbath morning. The regular Sunday service occurs at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Cushman is generally to be found preaching the gospel aboard some ship, or assisting in one of the local churches at 11 a. m. on Sunday mornings. On Thursday evenings at 7:30 the regular weekly mission prayer meeting is held.

Another of its duties is to see that every destitute sailor is provided with free lodging, clothing and food, and that should he become involved with the police and become arrested, that the matter be taken up and adjusted, if possible, in order that he may be placed safely aboard his ship.

Two Pictures.

Pensacola's little "Bethel" perhaps has seen as many side lights on every day life as many of our larger institutions. In fact, it has not been many weeks since that Rev. Cushman was called upon to figure in the case of an erring young midshipman, who had sunk low in the eyes of the world and his family, and who finally died at a local hospital. It was a fine, manly-appearing young fellow whom the doctor found when he was finally summoned to the sick bed of the dying sailor. True, there were marks of what the world calls folly and dissipation about the boyish lines of the mouth, and the eyes, still bright, wandered listlessly about the room. The sailor evidently had something to say, and after Doctor Cushman had administered such spiritual comfort as he could, he learned the boy's story.

The sailor, who had lived under the alias of Adams, was in reality Herbert Avant, a son of Thomas Crabb Avant, a musical composer of some note residing in Eaton Square, London. In his early youth he had shipped as a midshipman; had been reduced—ruined by the vices and follies that confronted him at every turn. He had finally been reduced to the ranks of a common sailor and had come to Pensacola to die.

This was the whole miserable story; hope was entirely out of the question—and then it was, full in the fading light of eyes that were soon to be closed forever—the face of an unlocked heart-story that had caused exquisite anguish to tell—that the man of God took the hand of the erring son and opened the gates of eternal life for him. He died professing the faith and Rev. Cushman has in his possession letters from the father in London which are full of a life regret.

Incidents, however, do not always end so sadly with "Little Bethel," as is shown by the story of a young cabin boy who commenced attending the services in Pensacola at the time the mission opened in 1902, and who, by his bright mannerisms and clever ways captured all with whom he came in contact. Rev. Cushman and his worthy wife saw possibilities, and determined to develop them. The boy was placed on the right road to splendid manhood; his spiritual welfare became the source of their constant concern, and no matter what portion of the globe he might be sent, he wrote to his Bethel friends and in turn received the encouragement he needed.

Not long ago he successfully passed the civil service examination and is now in the employ of the Chinese government; this after he had already made an enviable reputation as war correspondent for the New York Herald.

Where Credit Is Due.

This is only one of the boys who attribute their personal success to the early teachings received in Pensacola. Rev. H. C. Cushman, who is instrumental in the accomplishment of the good work done in Pensacola by this society, is earnest and enthusiastic in the pursuance of his numerous duties, preserving, however, a modesty concerning the great part he is playing in the affairs of the mission, which is pleasing indeed. Assisted by his wife, the doctor has seen the movement pass through its most important stages, that of its primary establishment. What future results may be, and the eminence to which the mission may rise in the light of a local institution, lies in a measure with the people of Pensacola—but what it has been, and the opportunities that are offered for the future, are due to the indefatigable labors of Rev. Cushman, the identification of whom is practically necessary for the culmination of present plans.

The motif of Pensacola's Seamen's Friend Society is evident and full of promise for a future ripe with good results. It should receive the attention it warrants, from every citizen of Pensacola who is capable of recognizing a coming factor in a "Greater Pensacola."

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THE COMING WEEK DAY BY DAY

Special to The Journal.
New York, June 20.—Among the important news events scheduled for this week are the following:

Sunday.
Eleventh congress of North American Skat League opens in New York. Great demonstration of women suffragists will be held in Hyde Park, London.

Monday.
General Federation of Women's Clubs convenes in annual session at Boston. American Institute of Homeopathy begins annual convention in Kansas City.

Travelers' Protective Association of America convenes in Milwaukee. American Railway Master Mechanics' Association meets at Atlantic City. Supreme Commandery of Knights of St. John meets in Reading, Pa. Government suit against Standard Oil Company will be resumed in New York.

Tuesday.
American Society of Mechanical Engineers meets in annual session at Detroit. American Society of Civil Engineers meets in annual session at Denver. American Society for Testing Materials convenes in Atlantic City. Association of Transportation and Car Accounting Officers meets at Niagara Falls.

National Association of Credit Men opens convention in Denver.

Wednesday.
Annual commencement exercises at Yale and Harvard universities. Railway Telegraph Superintendents of America meet in Montreal. National Baptist Sunday School Congress opens in Jacksonville, Fla. National Educational Association of Colored Teachers meets in Louisville.

Thursday.
Annual boat race between crews of Yale and Harvard at New London. American Society of Automobile Engineers will hold convention in Detroit.

Optical Specialists' Association of America will convene in Des Moines.

Saturday.
Gubernatorial primary will be held in Tennessee. Denyer's big new convention hall will be formally opened.

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